



Homeland
Security

Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report

21 April 2015

Top Stories

- The U.S. Department of Transportation announced an emergency order April 17, making it a requirement for trains carrying crude oil and other flammable liquids to reduce speeds to no more than 40 mph in urban areas, in addition to several other requirements. – *Associated Press* (See item [11](#))
- Crews reached 35 percent containment of a wildfire April 19 that burned through 1.6 square miles and prompted the evacuation of about 300 homes along the border of the cities of Norco and Corona in California. – *CBS News*; *Associated Press* (See item [20](#))
- The FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice acknowledged that nearly every investigator in the FBI's microscopic hair comparison forensic unit gave flawed testimony favoring prosecutors in hundreds of trials for more than two decades prior to 2000. – *Washington Post* (See item [22](#))
- At least 6 businesses in Belmont, Massachusetts, suffered damage or were destroyed by a 3-alarm fire April 18 that caused over \$1 million in damages. – *Boston Globe* (See item [28](#))

Fast Jump Menu

PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES

- [Energy](#)
- [Chemical](#)
- [Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste](#)
- [Critical Manufacturing](#)
- [Defense Industrial Base](#)
- [Dams](#)

SUSTENANCE and HEALTH

- [Food and Agriculture](#)
- [Water and Wastewater Systems](#)
- [Healthcare and Public Health](#)

SERVICE INDUSTRIES

- [Financial Services](#)
- [Transportation Systems](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Communications](#)
- [Commercial Facilities](#)

FEDERAL and STATE

- [Government Facilities](#)
 - [Emergency Services](#)
-

Energy Sector

1. *April 17, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Dominion Virginia Power to close coal ash ponds in state.** Dominion Virginia Power announced April 17 that it will close nine coal ash ponds at the Bremo Power Station, Chesapeake Energy Center, Chesterfield Power Station, and Possum Point Power Station in Virginia due to new coal-combustion residual rules established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/28834620/dominion-virginia-power-to-close-coal-ash-ponds-in-state>
2. *April 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Florida) **Worker electrocuted because his employer, Duke Energy Florida Inc., did not ensure safety procedures were followed.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued 1 willful and 5 serious safety violations to Duke Energy Florida Inc., April 17 following the October 2014 electrocution and death of a worker at a substation in Reddick. Proposed fines totaled \$90,000, and the company was cited after investigators learned that the company was aware of workers bypassing safety protocols in order to conduct testing.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27810

For additional stories, see items [10](#) and [11](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Chemical Industry Sector

3. *April 19, WBIW 1340 AM Bedford* – (Indiana) **Brown County road shut down, residents evacuated after anhydrous spill.** About 14 Brown County residents were evacuated from their homes for nearly 8 hours April 18 after the shaft of a semi-truck pulling a 4,000 gallon tank of anhydrous ammonia broke, causing the chemical to spill onto a section of Gatesville Road near Bloomington. HAZMAT crews worked to contain the leak and clean up the scene, while officials monitored an ammonia cloud as it moved through the area until it dissipated.
Source: <http://www.wbiw.com/local/archive/2015/04/brown-county-road-shut-down-residents-evacuated-after-anhydrous-spill.php>
4. *April 17, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Worker burns face, neck in explosion at Ohio chemical plant.** One worker at the Alfrebro LLC chemical manufacturing plant in Monroe, Ohio, was injured April 17 by an explosion that was sparked while the employee was transferring a chemical from one storage container to another. The cause of the blast remains under investigation.
Source: <http://gazette.com/worker-burns-face-neck-in-explosion-at-ohio-chemical-plant/article/feed/224402>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *April 19, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Pilgrim nuclear plant begins biennial refueling work.** Entergy, the operator of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station at Plymouth, announced April 19 that it began a power reduction for the station's scheduled biennial refueling outage. More than 1,000 temporary workers were hired to upgrade, replace, and inspect hundreds of pieces of equipment during the outage, which is expected to cost about \$70 million.
Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/pilgrim-nuclear-plant-begins-biennial-refueling-work/32454054>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *April 18, Bloomberg News* – (National) **BMW to recall 91,800 Mini Coopers over air bag flaw.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported April 18 that BMW of North America LLC is recalling about 59,270 model years 2005-2006 Mini Cooper and Mini Cooper S vehicles and about 32,530 model years 2005-2008 Mini Cooper convertibles and Cooper S convertibles due to a defective sensor in the occupation detection mat that may prevent the front passenger seat air bag from deploying in a crash.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-04-18/bmw-to-recall-91-800-mini-coopers-in-u-s-over-air-bag-flaw>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Financial Services Sector

7. *April 20, SC Magazine* – (Indiana) **Data at risk for 9,000 individuals following unauthorized access to SRI Inc. website.** Indiana-based SRI Incorporated notified approximately 9,000 individuals that their personal information, as well as tax identification numbers, bank account and routing numbers, and Social Security numbers, may have been breached after new files were added to the software behind the company's auction Web site, enabling unauthorized access to users to post and delete files. The company is investigating the incident and removed all personal information from its system.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/data-at-risk-for-9000-individuals-following-unauthorized-access-to-sri-inc-website/article/409793/>
8. *April 17, Los Angeles Business Journal* – (California) **True religion subcontractors**

charged with insurance fraud. The California Department of Insurance charged three subcontractors of True Religion Brand Jeans, who were the heads of garment factories Meriko Inc., and SF Apparel Inc., along with their accountant, for alleged compensation insurance fraud totaling over \$11 million in losses. The group reportedly conspired to avoid paying workers' compensation insurance premiums and underreported \$78.5 million in payroll to several insurers, including the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/losangeles/news/2015/04/17/true-religion-subcontractors-charged-with.html?page=all>

For another story, see item [26](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Transportation Systems Sector

9. *April 19, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **I-70 reopened in Warrenton after ammonia leak.** An 11-mile stretch of Interstate 70 in Warrenton, Missouri, was closed for nearly 6 hours April 19 after approximately 1,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia leaked from 1 of 2 tanks that fell from a farm truck.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2015/04/19/i-70-shutdown-in-both-directions-at-warrenton-due-to-tanker-crash/>

10. *April 17, Associated Press* – (California) **Gas-line blast closes major highway, injures at least 11.** All lanes of Highway 99 in Fresno were closed for 3 hours April 17 after at least 11 people were injured due to an explosion on a Pacific Gas & Electric Co. pipe at the Fresno County Sheriff's gun range that was caused by an equipment operator who was building a dirt berm. Authorities are investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.orevillemr.com/business/20150417/gas-line-blast-closes-major-highway-injures-at-least-11>

11. *April 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Transportation Department issues safety measures for trains hauling oil, flammable liquids.** The U.S. Department of Transportation announced an emergency order April 17 to help improve safety measures for trains, making it a requirement for trains carrying crude oil and other flammable liquids to reduce speeds to no more than 40 mph in urban areas. The department also issued an advisory to railroads to strengthen its procedures for checking flaws in train wheels, among other requirements.

Source:

<http://www.newser.com/article/bb3750a7e17e47a79157355e04ec27d9/transportation-department-issues-safety-measures-for-trains-hauling-oil-flammable-liquids.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *April 18, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Arkansas) **B & R Meat Processing recalls**

pork products due to possible processing deviation and staphylococcal enterotoxin contamination. The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced April 18 that B & R Meat Processing recalled about 2,129 pounds of cured and uncured pork products due to a possible processing deviation that may have led to staphylococcal enterotoxin contamination. The affected products were sent to local stores and farmer's markets in Arkansas.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-064-2015-release>

13. *April 18, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California; Nevada) **Royal Frozen Food recalls beef and chicken products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced April 17 that Royal Frozen Food recalled about 3,821 pounds of its beef and chicken blintzes products due to undeclared milk and misbranding. The recalled products were sold in retail stores and markets across California and Nevada.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-063-2015-release>
14. *April 17, KMA 360 AM Shenandoah/99.1 FM Clarinda* – (Iowa) **Grain bin accident victim identified.** A farmer in Audubon County died April 16 while he was entrapped in grain after he apparently entered a grain bin to break corn loose from above while the bin was being unloaded. Responders performed extensive extrication efforts at the scene, but were unable to safely extract the man.
Source: http://www.kmaland.com/news/grain-bin-accident-victim-identified/article_c41eceda-e520-11e4-8bad-a3710c2cc9a8.html
15. *April 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Texas; California) **Hines Nut Company voluntary Walnut Halves and Pieces due to possible health risk recalls.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported April 17 that Texas-based Hines Nut Company issued a voluntary recall for one lot of its walnut halves and pieces products that the company packaged after it was received from its California-based supplier, Gold State Nut Company, due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recalled product was sold under the Hines Nut brand and distributed in Texas via Randalls Food Stores.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm443477.htm>
16. *April 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Conway Import Co., Inc. is voluntarily recalling Conway Organic Sesame Ginger Dressing and Conway Citrus Organic Vinaigrette Dressing due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported April 17 that Conway Import Co., Inc., recalled its Conway Organic Sesame Ginger Dressing and Conway Citrus Organic Vinaigrette Dressing due to possible Salmonella contamination associated with a third party recall by Frontier Co-op for Organic Garlic Powder. The recalled products were packed in plastic gallon jars and were distributed via direct deliveries across several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm443463.htm>

17. *April 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market voluntarily recalls packaged raw macadamia nuts due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced April 17 that Whole Foods Market voluntarily recalled 11 ounce plastic tubs of its Whole Foods Market Raw Macadamia Nuts after FDA-contracted laboratory testing yielded positive results for Salmonella contamination. The recalled items were sold at Whole Foods Market retail locations across several States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm443476.htm>

For another story, see item [4](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *April 20, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **About 20,000 gallons of wastewater spill in Burlington.** The city of Burlington reported that about 20,000 gallons of untreated wastewater spilled into Servis Creek April 18 due to a blockage caused by grease buildup. Authorities were notified of the spill and the overflow was stopped after 2 hours.

Source: <http://www.wncn.com/story/28844913/about-20000-gallons-of-wastewater-spill-in-burlington>

19. *April 18, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Mississippi River reopen after Phillips 66 pipeline leak.** The Mississippi River was reopened April 18 by the U.S. Coast Guard after a Phillips 66-operated pipeline ruptured and spilled around 30,000 gallons of diesel fuel into the Cahokia Canal in Hartford, Illinois, which empties into the river. Officials are assessing the shoreline and recovery efforts while the spill remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/04/17/phillips-66-pipeline-leaks-into-mississippi/25974827/>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Government Facilities Sector

20. *April 20, CBS News; Associated Press* – (California) **Cooking fire blamed for “explosive” California wildfire.** The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection announced April 19 that an unattended cooking fire sparked a wildfire that burned through 1.6 square miles and prompted the evacuation of about 300 homes along the border of the cities of Norco and Corona. Crews reached 35 percent

containment of the fire that also burned in the Prado Dam Flood Control Basin.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/cooking-fire-blamed-for-explosive-california-wildfire/>

21. *April 20, KATC 3 Lafayette* – (Louisiana) **Several Jeff Davis schools closed today because of a power outage.** A power outage due to a severe storm April 19 prompted the closure of Welsh Elementary, Welsh High School, and Welsh/Roanoke Jr. High School in Jefferson Davis Parish April 20.
Source: <http://www.katc.com/story/28844566/several-jeff-davis-schools-closed-today-because-of-a-power-outage>
22. *April 20, Washington Post* – (National) **FBI admits flaws in hair analysis over decades.** The FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice acknowledged that nearly every investigator in the FBI's microscopic hair comparison forensic unit gave flawed testimony favoring prosecutors in hundreds of trials for more than two decades prior to 2000. The FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice are continuing their investigations and are working to notify all defendants affected by the errors.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/fbi-admits-flaws-in-hair-analysis-over-decades/ar-AAbgTt6>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Emergency Services Sector

23. *April 17, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon; Washington) **Multnomah County public safety radio dispatch failed for more than four hours Thursday.** A power surge or malfunction involving a controller at a radio tower site near Camas, Washington, caused the Multnomah County public safety radio dispatch system in Oregon to fail for 6 hours April 16. Fire agencies and multiple police departments were forced to resort to backup procedures while crews worked to repair the issue.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/04/multnomah_county_public_safety.html
24. *April 17, WBMA 58 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Prison riot under investigation, one officer injured.** An April 17 prison riot at the St. Clair Correctional Facility in Springville, Alabama, involving about 30 inmates who became unruly and physically aggressive left 1 correctional officer and 12 inmates injured. A response team disarmed the inmates and secured the cellblock, and the prison was placed under lockdown indefinitely while authorities investigate.
Source: <http://www.abc3340.com/story/28832243/correctional-officer-assaulted-at-st-clair-correctional-facility>

For another story, see item [10](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Information Technology Sector

25. *April 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Russian hackers exploit Windows, Flash Player zero-day flaws in targeted attack.** Microsoft is working to patch a privilege escalation flaw in its operating system (OS) affecting Windows 7 and earlier products after FireEye researchers reported the zero-day attack, allegedly run by a Russian group dubbed APT28, on Adobe Flash Player that relies on the Flash vulnerability to gain access to the targeted system. Adobe released a patch addressing the flaw with its current version of Flash Player.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Russian-Hackers-Exploit-Windows-Flash-Player-Zero-Day-Flaws-in-Targeted-Attack-478836.shtml>

26. *April 20, Softpedia* – (International) **New variant of Upatre malware downloader integrates full SSL encryption.** Talos researchers discovered new versions of the Upatre malware that adopts encrypted communication with command and control (C&C) servers, including a version that uses secure sockets layer (SSL) cryptographic protocol to hide the type of data flowing between the infected client and the C&C server. The new version of the malware downloads the payload in the background while the communication is encrypted.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Variant-of-Upatre-Malware-Downloader-Integrates-Full-SSL-Encryption-478845.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Communications Sector

27. *April 19, Austin American-Statesmen* – (Texas) **Storms knock 3 Austin TV stations off the air.** KXAN 36 Austin, KNVA 54 Austin, and KBVO 14 Austin were knocked off air for several hours April 18-19 due to a power outage prompted by heavy storms in central Texas.

Source: <http://tvradio.blog.austin360.com/2015/04/19/storms-knock-3-austin-tv-stations-off-the-air/>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *April 20, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Fire destroys one Belmont business, damages others.** At least 6 businesses in Belmont, Massachusetts, suffered damage or

were destroyed by a 3-alarm fire that broke out inside a convenience store April 18 and spread throughout the structure and into adjacent businesses. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, and damage was estimated to total more than \$1 million.

Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/04/19/fire-causes-million-damage-belmont-businesses/u672mqnXY7J1Q7wXBJuqCP/story.html>

29. *April 18, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **14 children, 13 adults displaced in Md. apartment fire.** A fire that started in a utility closet at an Oxon Hill, Maryland apartment building April 18 caused significant damage to the structure's roof and rendered 5 of the building's apartments uninhabitable, displacing 27 residents. Estimated damages totaled \$250,000.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/oxon-hill/2015/04/18/14-children-13-adults-displaced-in-md-apartment-fire/25992365/>

30. *April 17, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **20 arrested in area Lowe's retail theft/return scheme.** Police arrested 20 people in connection with a retail theft and return scheme that targeted Lowe's stores across western Pennsylvania, and resulted in about \$27,780 in stolen merchandise over the course of 21 thefts since February 9.

Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2015/04/17/20-arrested-in-area-lowes-retail-theftreturn-scheme/>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Dams Sector

See item [20](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)



Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Contact Information

About the reports - The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a daily [Monday through Friday] summary of open-source published information concerning significant critical infrastructure issues. The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is archived for 10 days on the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/IPDailyReport>

Contact Information

Content and Suggestions:

Send mail to cikr.productfeedback@hq.dhs.gov or contact the DHS Daily Report Team at (703) 942-8590

Subscribe to the Distribution List:

Visit the [DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report](#) and follow instructions to [Get e-mail updates when this information changes](#).

Removal from Distribution List:

Send mail to support@govdelivery.com.

Contact DHS

To report physical infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center at nicc@hq.dhs.gov or (202) 282-9201.

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web page at www.us-cert.gov.

Department of Homeland Security Disclaimer

The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a non-commercial publication intended to educate and inform personnel engaged in infrastructure protection. Further reproduction or redistribution is subject to original copyright restrictions. DHS provides no warranty of ownership of the copyright, or accuracy with respect to the original source material.